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Pop Culture Extravaganza Calgary Comic & Entertainment Expo 2013

Star-studded lineup includes Carrie Fisher, Gillian Anderson, and “Weird Al”

Calgary, AB (March 5, 2013) – The sensory overloaded world of the Calgary Comic & Entertainment Expo (Calgary Expo) returns April 26 – 28, 2013. Coming off a record-breaking attendance of over 60,000 in 2012, the second largest all-ages pop culture convention in Canada will feature celebrity icons from all facets of pop culture, including comics, sci-fi, horror, fantasy, cartoons, anime, and gaming.

"Calgary Expo fans have truly embraced the magic we've created, and those fans come back year after year for something new," states the Calgary Expo Event Director, Kandrix Foong. "That loyalty is why we constantly strive to create new ways for them to connect with our special guests. We stand apart from other pop culture conventions with exclusive events in tandem with exceptional show programming."

This year features three ticketed events outside regular expo hours: an exclusive fan experience with *Game of Thrones* stars Peter Dinklage and Lena Headey, where fans can wine and dine with the royal siblings at an intimate reception-style party the evening of Friday, April 26. For the *Doctor Who* and *Torchwood* purists (or “whovians” as they’re better known) ‘The Hub’ will feature another Friday evening reception with John Barrowman, Eve Myles, and Gareth David-Lloyd. Also on Friday, comedy and music fans alike will get weird with “Weird Al” Yankovic at his *Apocalypse Tour* concert, an added bonus to Al’s first-ever comic-con appearance.

Additional star power confirmed for the Calgary Expo includes *Star Wars* space royalty Carrie Fisher, famous for portraying Princess Leia in the original *Star Wars* trilogy, and Ian McDiarmid, the evil Emperor Palpatine. Gillian Anderson, best known as Dana Scully on *The X-Files* and *The Walking Dead* star Norman Reedus will also appear. From *Terminator* to *Dr. Who*, the gamut of guests makes the Calgary Expo the place where even the cool kids release their inner geek.

For more information and tickets, visit our website at www.calgaryexpo.com

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ABOUT CALGARY EXPO Calgary Comic & Entertainment Expo is a non-profit organization showcasing pop culture including comics, sci-fi, gaming, anime, cartoons, fantasy, and horror. Since 2006, the convention has grown to host over 60,000 attendees in 2012 and is Canada’s second largest pop culture convention. Calgary Expo April 26 - 28, 2013 at BMO Centre, Stampede Park, in Calgary, AB, Canada.

2013 Calgary Expo guests include Stan Lee (*Spider-Man, X-Men, The Hulk*), Carrie Fisher (*Star Wars*), Peter Dinklage & Lena Headey (*Game of Thrones*), Nathan Fillion (*Firefly, Serenity, Castle*), Norman Reedus (*Walking Dead, Boondock Saints*), Gillian Anderson (*X-Files*), Linda Hamilton (*Terminator I & II*), Sean Patrick Flanery (*Boondock Saints*), Michael Shanks (*Stargate: SG-1; Saving Hope*), John Carpenter (*Halloween, The Thing*), Chris Sarandon (*The Princess Bride, Fright Night, The Nightmare Before Christmas*), Wil Wheaton (*Star Trek: The Next Generation, The Big Bang Theory*), and more soon.

CALGARY EXPO SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS:

An Evening with Peter Dinklage & Lena Headey

Friday, April 26 @Fairmont Palliser 8pm

Tickets \$195 (only 200 avail) www.bit.ly/calgaryexpothrones

Weird AI Concert: The Apocalypse Tour; Opening band Kirby Krackle

Friday, April 26 @ Stampede Corral; Doors Open 5:30pm, Kirby Krackle 6:30pm

Tickets \$50 – 70 www.bit.ly/calgaryexpoweirdal

The Hub An evening with Torchwood stars, John Barrowman, Eve Myles & Gareth David-Lloyd

Friday, April 26 @ Fairmont Palliser 8pm

Tickets \$175 (only 200 avail) <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5614826096/eorg>
www.bit.ly/calgaryexpohub

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